

Medications Return Programs in Canada



**POST-CONSUMER PHARMACEUTICAL
STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION**

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History

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- Federal non profit corporation (1999)
- All industry board
 - Brand-name, Generic and Consumer-Health Products
- Focus on pharmaceutical and natural health products to meet provincial **regulations**



Management Roles

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- Extended Producer Responsibility / Industry Stewardship Plan
- **Develop** program
- **Implement** & Administer program
- Reporting

Approach



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- Offer “one stop” for product **stewards**
- Central administration
 - Common fee structure
 - Build technical expertise
- **Harmonization** of product definitions
- Single board of directors

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- Pharmacists are in an ideal position to assess and act on the individual patient's reasons for returning medication and to assist in the safe disposal of unwanted drugs.



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- You can take outdated or unused medicines to your community pharmacy.
- No fee

A photograph showing a hand dropping several red, oval-shaped pills into a white toilet bowl. The toilet is in a bathroom with a tiled floor.

**Don't
throw it out**

*Take-it back to your
nearest pharmacy, or visit
www.medicationsreturn.ca
for more information.*

**MRP MEDICATIONS
RETURN
PROGRAM**

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- Once the MRP container is **full**, the pharmacist contacts the Administrator who arranges for pick up and replacement of containers within 7 days.
- The Program Administrator consolidates and then sends the collected residual medications to a **licensed** facility for safe disposal.



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- Value added **service** to their clientele.
- Containers are **behind** pharmacist's counters
- No special **security** measures are taken.
- No differentiation is made between controlled, narcotics and other drugs.
- Full containers are picked up by DHL, UPS or private company and replaced with new containers.
- Containers are stored until we can shipped to incineration facility.
- No escort is required to accompany drugs in transit.

Funding Mechanism



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- In 2012, the **costs** of the BC (4.3) Manitoba(780,000) programs and national office was \$600,000.; 2011 is \$585,000.00.
- The cost of running the program is paid in full by the industries.
- The pharmaceutical and consumer health sectors contributions are based on **collected returns** and **market share**.

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- Allows the public to return unused or expired medications to pharmacies.
- No eco-fee. No fee to participate.
- The program has been running for 12 years without incident.

What
can be
found
in your
home?

Regularly check
for expired or
unused
medicines and
return them to
your
pharmacist for
environmentally
responsible
disposal.



*Protect your family's health
and the environment.
Return unwanted medicines
to any pharmacy.*



The Medications Return Program is a product
stewardship initiative funded by the pharmaceutical
and consumer health products industries.



PROMOTIONAL TOOLS ORDER FORM

The following promotional items are available. Complete this form and Fax 1-204-694-3158 or Email: customeremb@stericycle.com.

PHARMACY NAME: _____ MRP ACCOUNT #: _____ SITE #: _____
 CONTACT: _____ (EMAIL/PHONE): _____ DATE: _____

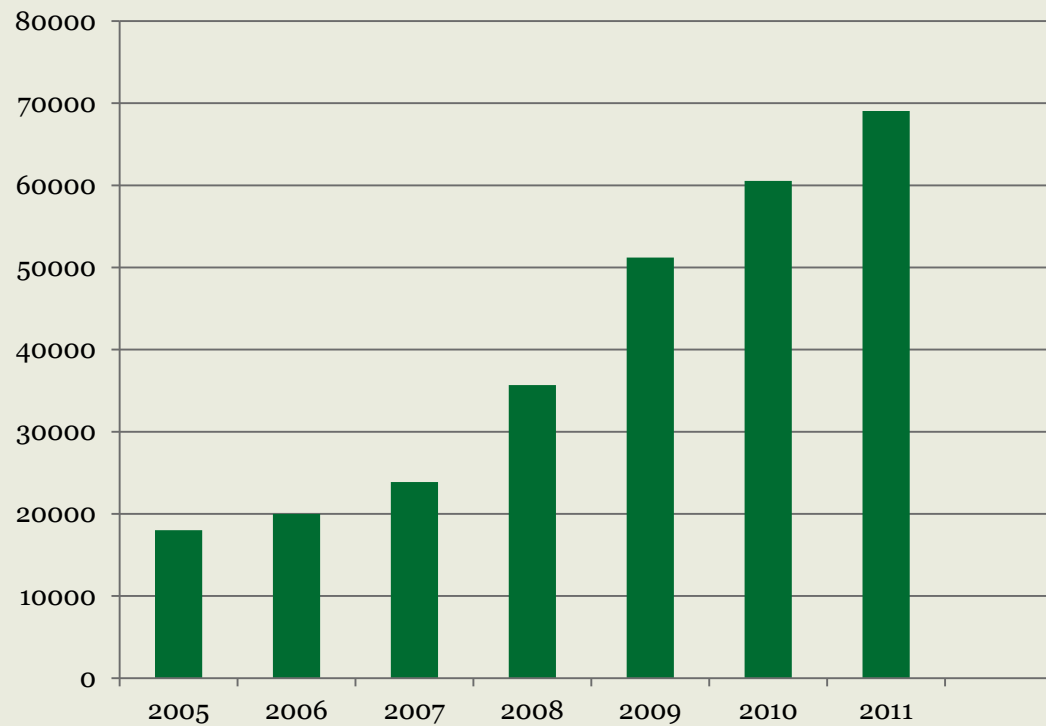
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MRP Results



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Provincial Programs

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Regulated

- British Columbia
- Manitoba
- Ontario

Recycling Regulation

Hazardous/Prescribed Household Material
Environmental Protection Act (298.12

Under development

- Newfoundland

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Voluntary Programs

- Alberta
- Saskatchewan
- Nova Scotia
- Prince Edward Island
- New Brunswick

EnviRx

Pharmaceutical Waste Disposal

Medication Disposal Program (PANS)

Take-it-back

Multi Material Stewardship Board

Questions

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